



Autumn Term 1- 6th September 2019

Head Teacher News

Welcome back! I hope you all had an exciting summer holiday and enjoyed some of the lovely weather. All the children looked very smart in their full school uniform on Wednesday.

Start to the school day

Most of you will have seen the new fence we have had installed over the summer and are aware of our new morning procedures. Just a reminder that the gates open at **8.45am**. Children and adults are allowed up to the second green gate. At this point the children will say their goodbyes and go straight into school. There will be a member of staff waiting at the school door to help with any coats and bags.

The bottom gate will be locked promptly at **8.55am**. Any children arriving after that time will be required to go through the main entrance.

Home-time remains the same and children will be picked up from the school playground.

We would like to thank all the parents for their co-operation regarding this.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is available to children from Reception class upwards free of charge daily. We unfortunately are unable to offer this service to nursery children due to staffing regulations. It is open from 8.00am and breakfast will finish serving at 8.30am. Any children coming into breakfast club after this time will not be able to receive breakfast.

Jewellery and PE

Can we please remind you that earring are not to be worn when children are doing PE. Wearing earrings or any other jewellery is a health and safety issue and if worn could end up in your child becoming injured. All jewellery, including earrings must be removed. We are asking that on PE days, earrings are removed before they come to school. Teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and if children remove their own, there is a risk that they could get lost. If children have earrings in on PE days, and they can't remove them themselves, tape will be given to the child as a final option.

Please pay close attention to the table below as it shows PE days for every class.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Barnard Castle Raby Castle		Durham Castle Barnard Castle Bowes Castle	Raby Castle	

Reading books

This year reading books will only be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. We have allocated dedicated time for members of staff to read and change books during these days. As part of the national curriculum, children are required to 're-read books to build up their fluency and confidence in word reading'. If your child has read their book before they are changed, please re-read them. If your child's book is not in school on either a Monday or Thursday then they will not be changed to the next allocated day.

Roald Dahl week 9th- 13th September

September is Roald Dahl's birth month. If Roald Dahl were alive today, he'd be 102 this year. That's a ripe old age, much older than Grandpa Joe, who was only ninety-six and a half. The entire week will be filled with different activities. On **Thursday 12th September** we are having a Dahlicious Dress-up Day. We are asking children to come to school dressed up in their favourite Roald Dahl character. It's a fun day and all in memory of Roald Dahl. We look forward to seeing all the different costumes.

Attendance

4th September 2019 – 6th September 2019

R	93%
Y1	100%
Y2	100%
Y3	90%
Y4	100%
Y5	96%
Y6	89%

Happy Birthday to....

Elizabeth

Lexie



Well done to Years 1, 2, 4, and 5. You are all above our school target!

Did you know ...

Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.

Swimming - Wednesday 11th

Durham castle class will be swimming this term. They are leaving school earlier which means that they will be back for home-time (3.15pm).

Visit to St. Paul's Church - Friday 13th

On Friday, the whole school will visit the church hall and St. Paul's church as part of their work with the History Society.

After school clubs - Autumn Term 1

Day	Club	Year Groups
Monday	Homework	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday	Book Club	Years Reception, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Football	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday	Bake Off	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Key Dates

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 12th	Roald Dahl Day—children dressing up in favourite Roald Dahl character
Friday 13th	10.00am -All classes to visit church hall and St. Paul's Church
Monday 16th	International Democracy Day
Tuesday 17th	1.15pm - 2.30pm Y6 children to attend Staindrop Comprehensive School
Friday 20th	International Day of Peace
	9.00am -Staindrop Comprehensive School leading celebration assembly
Friday 27th	9.00 Macmillian Coffee Morning and children performing a song in a different language

OCTOBER

Tuesday 1st	1.15pm - 2.30pm Y6 children to attend Staindrop Comprehensive School
Friday 25th	pm - break up for Spring Half Term Holiday